

**VERIFICATION RESULTS OF FREE & REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS**  
**Montana Local Education Agencies (LEAs)**  
**School Year 2008-09**

The results of verification for school year 2008-09 in Montana are positive and indicate a good level of integrity in the administration of the School Nutrition Programs in Montana. Only 20 (8.97%) LEAs had less than 80% response rate from households selected for verification (meaning that more than 20% of the applicants selected for verification at their school did NOT respond). This is a slight increase from the previous year where 14 (6.17%) LEAs had less than 80% response rate, and only 4 were repeats from the previous year.

Of the 93.83% of households that responded, error (indicated by a change in meal benefits, either positive or negative) was found in 12.68% of applications. That means 77.05% of all applications verified in Montana during 2008-09 were correct at the time that they were turned in.

School districts will qualify for reduced verification requirements (i.e., same as current requirements) during the 2010-11 school year if they achieve a response rate of 80 percent or higher from households during the 2009-10 school year. *School districts are strongly encouraged to conduct aggressive follow-up to get 100 percent response rate during the fall 2008 verification process.*

**Results of Verification, By Category**

	Free Eligible based on FS/TANF/FDPIR Case Number		Free Eligible based on Income/Household Size		Reduced-Price Eligible		Response Category Totals	
	Number of applications	Percent of total	Number of applications	Percent of total	Number of applications	Percent of total	Total applications	Percent of total
<b>Responded and No Change</b>	59	7.48 %	367	46.51 %	182	23.07 %	<b>608</b>	<b>77.06 %</b>
<b>Responded, changed to Free</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	3.55 %	<b>28</b>	<b>3.55 %</b>
<b>Responded, changed to Reduced</b>	3	0.38 %	35	4.44 %	N/A	N/A	<b>38</b>	<b>4.82 %</b>
<b>Responded, changed to Paid</b>	4	0.51 %	7	0.89 %	23	2.92 %	<b>34</b>	<b>4.31 %</b>
<b>Did NOT respond</b>	3	0.38 %	23	2.92 %	55	6.97 %	<b>81</b>	<b>10.27 %</b>
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>8.75 %</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>54.75 %</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>36.5 %</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>100 .00%</b>